

Was read the first time, the rule waived, read the second and third times by its title, and upon the question of its passage the vote was :
Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Bird, Brinson, Cone, Criglar, Eppes, Filor, Gillis, Hawes, Hopkins, Long, Myrick, Nicholson, Provence, Smith and Tracy—16.

Nays—None.

So the Bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

House Bill to be entitled an Act authorizing the sale of the State Lands lying on the disputed boundary line between the States of Georgia and Florida;

Was read the first time and ordered for a second reading on to-morrow.

House Bill to be entitled an Act to provide for the establishment of the Records of St. Lucie County;

Was read the first time, and ordered for a second reading on to-morrow.

House Bill to be entitled an Act to make permanent the County site of Holmes County, at a place known as Bear Pen Bluff in said County;

Was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time on to-morrow.

House Bill to be entitled an Act relative to depositions taken under Commission;

Was read the first time and ordered for a second reading on to-morrow.

House Bill to be entitled an Act to change the name of Charles Irvin Vincan, and for other purposes;

Was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time on to-morrow.

House Resolution authorizing the Governor to contract for the transportation of the Laws and Journals of the present General Assembly, and for other purposes;

Was read the first time and ordered to be read a second time on to-morrow.

A Bill to be entitled an Act to change the time of holding the Circuit Court of Calhoun County, with House amendments thereto;

Came up in order.

On motion of Mr. Myrick, the amendments made by the House were concurred in.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives, and the bill, as amended, be enrolled.

On motion of Mr. Long, the Senate adjourned until to-morrow, 10 o'clock, A. M.

FRIDAY, January 5, 1855.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The Rev. Mr. Turner officiated as Chaplain.

A quorum being present;

On motion of Mr. Tracy, the reading of the Journal of yesterday was dispensed with.

The following Bills which had passed the Senate were transmitted to the House of Representatives, viz :

A Bill to be entitled an Act to authorize Gregory Yneistra and F. B. Bobe to establish a wharf in the city of Pensacola;

A Bill to be entitled an Act to authorize Celestino Gonzales to establish a wharf in the city of Pensacola;

A Bill to be entitled an Act to extend the limitation of Merchants' accounts in this State;

House Bill to be entitled an Act to organize the County of Manatee, without amendment;

House Bill to be entitled an Act to authorize Elijah Johnson & Co. to establish a Ferry across the Chattahoochee River, without amendment; and

House Bill to be entitled an Act for the relief of purchasers of Swamp or Internal Improvement Lands from the United States, without amendment.

The concurrence of the Senate to House amendments to the following Bills were likewise transmitted, viz :

A Bill to be entitled an Act to prevent fraudulent voting; and

A Bill to be entitled an Act to change the time of holding Circuit Court of Calhoun County.

On motion of Mr. Myrick, Mr. Cone was excused from attendance on the Senate after Tuesday next.

On motion of Mr. Filor, Mr. Criglar was excused after the 12th inst.

Mr. Filor, from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, made the following Report :

The Committee on Engrossed Bills have examined and find correctly engrossed the following bills :

A Bill to be entitled an Act to amend the general Act for the Incorporation of Towns, Academies and Religious Societies, approved January 6, 1847;

A Bill to be entitled an Act concerning Interest;

A Bill to be entitled an Act for the relief of Dr. William S. Wilson and others;

A Bill to be entitled an Act granting aid to the County of Putnam to build a Court House and Jail.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES FILOR, Chairman.

Which was read, and the Bills placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Long, pursuant to previous notice, introduced a Bill to be entitled an Act for the relief of Cherry, a free woman of color.

Which was placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Smith, from the Committee on Claims and Accounts, made the following report:

The Committee on Claims and Accounts, to whom was referred the Bill entitled An Act relative the claim of D. P. Hogue, for services rendered to the State, ask leave to

REPORT:

That they have had the same under consideration, and find it involved in difficulty. Mr. Hogue claims of the State payment for attending to the collection of a claim in Washington for the State of Florida. Said claim was based upon an appropriation granted by Congress of 75,000 dollars, to reimburse the State for payment of expenditures of the State incurred in suppressing Indian hostilities in the year 1849. The accounting officers of the Treasury of the United States having interposed some difficulty, by off-setting some old Territorial claim against the appropriation, it was not paid immediately to the Governor of the State, and the then existing Governor, Thomas Brown, says, in a communication to this Committee, that at the request of the Quarter Master General, he prevailed on D. P. Hogue, Esq., Attorney General of the State, but not in his official capacity, to visit Washington on the subject of said claims, and to urge the allowance of the same; that he addressed a letter to the Hon. Thomas Corwin, Secretary of the Treasury of the United States, by him; that Mr. Hogue went to Washington, and after much difficulty succeeded in obtaining the allowance of about \$60,000 of the claims due to this State, which were transmitted to him, as Governor of the State, in two checks, one for 28,000 and odd dollars, and the other for 31,000 and odd dollars, which checks were collected by the Comptroller of Public Accounts, and paid over to the Treasurer of this State. He further says that in sending Mr. Hogue to Washington for the settlement of those claims, he did not employ him as a *special State Agent*, nor did he make any agreement for the pay of his services, but left that for the action of the General Assembly; that he simply agreed to pay his expenses, for which purpose he gave him a draft on the State Treasurer for \$500, out of the Contingent Fund, which he received. He is of the opinion that Mr. Hogue rendered valuable services to the State, and hopes the General Assembly will take the justice of his claim into consideration, and says that if any person is entitled to be paid for such services as *State Agent*, Mr. Hogue is the person.

The Committee have further the evidence of W. H. Taylor, 3d Auditor of the Treasury, in a letter addressed to Mr. Hogue, dated

Treasury Department, March 13, 1854. In this letter, Mr. Taylor, in reference to the claim of the United States for Territorial bonds, of over \$100,000, says that he perfectly recollects that Mr. Hogue took a decided and active part, and that until they were disposed of, no part of the appropriation could have been paid, and that a matter of interest claimed by the State, he feels confident was settled by his exertions in behalf of the State. The amount of the two drafts, as given by Mr. Taylor to the Governor, he says were, the first \$28,644.32, and the other \$31,102.49, thus making in the aggregate \$59,746.81.

We have further the testimony of Wm. R. Hayward, the former State Treasurer, corresponding with the statement of Mr. Taylor, as above.

We have said this case was involved in difficulty, another party having claimed the settlement and procuring of these same drafts, being the very same amount, dollars and cents, exactly corresponding with the above, which was ascertained by applying to the Comptroller's office. We found there that Mr. G. W. Hutchins had, in February, 1854, on an account rendered by him, as State Agent, been paid, for collecting this identical claim, 5 per cent., together for collecting other money, on his simply rendering in that account, without any other showing than his own statement, the account not being proven. Now we are of opinion that, under a resolution of the last Assembly in Mr. Hutchins' favor, that account should not have been paid only upon proof, and if paid otherwise, the State should have recourse upon the Comptroller. We are informed further that a suit has been instituted by the Governor against Mr. Hutchins for recovery of the money back, which seems to us an acknowledgement on his part that the money has been wrongfully paid. The issue, then, rests upon this: Was Mr. Hutchins the State Agent, and as such State Agent did he do the service or not? We find by conference with the former Governor that he never did recognize him as such agent, from whom that agency must emanate, if he had any; and if he has been paid for that service, should this do away the claim of Mr. Hogue, who here claims that he did the service, and submits his proof? We are of opinion, from what we can learn, that no such large amount was expected of this Assembly to be allowed as what has been paid to the one party, when this work was done, and that the late Governor, in fact, did not expect any further remuneration would be required than the draft which he gave for 500 dollars, and as he firmly believed that he could collect it through the medium of his correspondence, and it seems strange to us that a matter of such importance should have so long been neglected. The Committee, therefore, after having submitted the result of this investigation, beg leave to present the accompanying Bill, with this report, to the Senate, and leave it for their investigation, without any recommendation for or against it on our part further.

Very respectfully,

JAMES W. SMITH, Chairman.

Which was read, and the Bill placed among the Orders of the Day.

Mr. Long, from the Committee on the Judiciary, made the following report:

The Judiciary Committee, to whom was referred a communication from a citizen of Monroe County, beg leave to report thereon by Bill, which is herewith submitted, the passage of which they recommend.

M. A. LONG, Chairman.

Which was read, and the accompanying Bill placed among the Orders of the Day.

On motion the rule was waived, and Mr. Kilcrease moved that a Bill to prevent the reduction of two lbs. of cotton per bale, be referred to a Select Committee;

Which motion prevailed, and Messrs. Kilcrease, Bird and Cone were appointed said Committee.

On motion the rule was waived, and Mr. Cone permitted to introduce, without previous notice, a Bill to be entitled an Act for the relief of William Raulerson and Ransom Foster;

Which was placed among the orders of the day.

The following message was received from the House of Representatives:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
January 5, 1855.

Hon. President of the Senate:

Sir:—The House has appointed Messrs. Haynes, Parsons and Pope a Committee to confer with the Committee appointed on the part of the Senate, in relation to the disagreement between the two Houses upon amendments to a bill to be entitled, an Act to prevent the abduction and escape of Slaves from this State.

Very respectfully,

HUGH A. CORLEY,
Clerk House of Representatives.

Which was read.

Also the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
January 5, 1855.

Hon. President of the Senate:

Sir:—The following Bills and Resolutions have passed the House, viz:

A Bill to be entitled an Act to authorize Absalom W. Smith to establish a Ferry across Suwannee River;

A Bill to be entitled an Act to authorize the Cuba and United States Submarine and Territorial Magnetic Telegraph Company, to pass lines of Telegraph through the State of Florida, and to protect the same;

A Bill to be entitled an Act to adopt an equal and uniform mode of Taxation in this State;

A Bill to be entitled an Act to provide for the taking of the Census of 1855 in this State;

Senate Bill to be entitled an Act to change the mode of compensating the several Solicitors or Prosecuting Attorneys of this State, without amendment;

Senate Bill to be entitled an Act to create a State Librarian, with the following amendment, viz:

Strike out "twenty-five" in the 4th Section and insert "one hundred" in lieu thereof;

In which amendment the concurrence of the Senate is respectfully requested.

Resolution fixing a day of adjournment and for other purposes.

The following Bills have been indefinitely postponed by the House, viz:

Senate Bill to be entitled an Act to amend the Revenue Laws of this State concerning Saw Mills; and

Senate Bill to be entitled an Act to repeal an Act entitled an Act to restore the force and operation of the general laws of this State in relation to the migration of free persons of color into this State, approved December 15, 1854.

The House has refused to concur in Senate amendment to Resolution relative to copying the Laws of the present Session.

Very respectfully,

HUGH A. CORLEY,
Clerk House Representatives.

Which was read.

Ordered that the House and Senate Bills with House amendments be placed among the orders of the day, and Senate Bills which had passed both Houses be enrolled.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

Resolution in regard to the introduction of Bills after the 6th instant;

Was read the second time and ordered for a third reading on tomorrow.

House Bill to be entitled an Act to provide for the re-establishment of the Records of St. Lucie County;

Was read the second time and ordered for a third reading on tomorrow.

On motion the rule was waived, and Mr. Filor offered the following resolution:

Resolved by the Senate, (the House of Representatives concurring) That the General Assembly proceed to the election of Comptroller, Treasurer, State Engineer and Geologist and Clerk of the Supreme Court at 12 o'clock, M.

Which was adopted.

Ordered that the House of Representatives be informed thereof.

House Bill to be entitled an Act authorizing the sale of the State Lands lying on the disputed boundary line between the States of Georgia and Florida;

Was read the second time.

Mr. Myrick moved that the bill be indefinitely postponed;

Upon which the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Hopkins and Myrick, and were:

Yeas—Messrs. Brinson, Criglar, Eppes, Gillis, Hopkins, Myrick, Nicholson, Provence and Smith—9.

Nays—Messrs. Bird, Cone, Filor, Hawes, Kilcrease and Long—6.

So the bill was indefinitely postponed.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

On motion the rule was waived, and Mr. Provence, pursuant to previous notice, introduced a bill to be entitled an Act to repeal an Act to change the name of Oliver Price to that of Oliver Delk, and for other purposes;

Which was placed among the orders of the day.

House Bill to be entitled an Act to make permanent the County site of Holmes County, at a place known as Bear Pen Bluff in said County;

Was read the second time, and on motion of Mr. Gillis was laid on the table.

House Resolution authorizing the Governor to contract for the transportation of the Laws and Journals of the present General Assembly, and for other purposes;

Was read the second time, the rule waived, read the third time and upon the question of its passage, the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Brinson, Cone, Criglar, Gillis, Hawes, Kilcrease and Provence—7.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Bird, Eppes, Filor, Hopkins, Long, Myrick, Nicholson and Smith—9.

So the Resolution was lost.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

House Bill to be entitled an Act to change the name of Charles Irvin Vincan and for other purposes;

Was read the second time and ordered for a third reading on tomorrow.

House Bill to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to grant pre-emption rights to Settlers on State Lands, approved December 31, 1852;

Was read the third time as amended, and upon the question of its passage the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Brinson, Cone, Criglar, Eppes, Hawes, Myrick and Nicholson—7.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Bird, Gillis, Hopkins, Long, Provence, Smith and Tracy—8.

So the Bill was lost.

Mr. Bird moved to re-consider the vote on said Bill;

Upon which the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Myrick and Tracy, and were:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Bird, Brinson, Cone, Criglar, Filor, Gillis, Hawes, Long, Myrick, Nicholson, Provence and Smith—13.

Nays—Messrs. Eppes, Hopkins and Tracy—3.

So the vote was re-considered.

Said Bill was again read the third time, and upon the question of its passage the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Bird, Brinson, Cone, Criglar, Filor, Gillis, Myrick, Nicholson, Provence and Smith—10.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Hawes, Hopkins, Long and Tracy—5.

So said Bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

House Bill to be entitled an Act to amend an Act, approved November 21, 1828, providing for the appointment of Inspectors of Lumber in the various Counties of this State;

Was read the second time.

On motion of Mr. Myrick, the rule was waived, said Bill read the third time, and upon the question of its passage the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Brinson, Cone, Criglar, Eppes, Filor, Gillis, Hawes, Hopkins, Long, Myrick, Nicholson, Provence, Smith and Tracy—15.

Nays—None.

So said Bill passed, title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

House Bill to be entitled an Act relative to Depositions taken under Commission;

Was read the second time and ordered for a third reading on tomorrow.

Engrossed Bill to be entitled an Act concerning Interest;

Was read the third time, and upon the question of its passage the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Bird, Criglar, Filor, Gillis, Myrick, Nicholson, Provence and Tracy—9.

Nays—Messrs. Brinson, Cone, Hawes, Hopkins, Long and Smith—6.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

Mr. Brinson gave notice that he would, at some future day, enter his Protest in relation to the Bill just passed.

Engrossed Bill to be entitled an Act for the relief of Dr. William S. Wilson and others;

Was read the third time, and upon the question of its passage the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Bird, Cone, Criglar, Eppes, Gillis, Hawes, Hopkins, Long, Myrick, Nicholson, Smith and Tracy—13.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

Engrossed Bill to be entitled an Act granting aid to the County of Putnam to build a Court House and Jail;

Was read the third time, and upon the question of its passage the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Bird, Brinson, Criglar, Filor, Gillis, Hawes, Hopkins, Long, Myrick, Nicholson, Provence, Smith and Tracy—14.

Nays—Messrs. Cone and Eppes—2.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

Engrossed Bill to be entitled an Act to amend the General Act for the incorporation of Towns, Academies and Religious Societies, approved January 6, 1847;

Was read the third time, and upon the question of its passage the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Bird, Brinson, Cone, Criglar, Eppes, Filor, Gillis, Hawes, Hopkins, Long, Myrick, Nicholson, Provence, Smith and Tracy—16.

Nays—None.

So the Bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

A Bill to be entitled an Act for the relief of Cherry, a free woman of color;

Was read the first time and ordered for a second reading on tomorrow.

A Committee from the House informed the Senate that the House had concurred in the resolution to go into the election of State Officers, and as the hour of twelve had arrived, requested the Senate to join them in said election.

On motion, the Senate proceeded to the House of Representatives.

The President, by invitation of the Speaker, took the Chair.

The President announced that the object of the Joint Meeting was the election of Comptroller of Public Accounts, Treasurer, State Engineer and Geologist, and Clerk of the Supreme Court.

On motion, the Joint Meeting proceeded to the election of Comptroller of Public Accounts.

Mr. Long (of the Senate,) nominated Theodore W. Brevard, of Leon County.

Mr. Shine (of the House,) nominated Simon Towle, of Leon County.

The first vote resulted as follows:

FOR BREVARD.—*Senate*—Mr. President, Messrs. Bird, Brinson, Cone, Criglar, Filor, Hawes, Long and Provence—9.

House—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Baisden, Bellamy, Carter, Chaires, Christie, Coombs, Dell, Dummett, Galbraith, Harris, Haynes, Parsons, Penn, Pope, Porter, Prescott, Rowley, VanZant and Wall—20. Total—29.

FOR TOWLE.—*Senate*—Messrs. Eppes, Gillis, Hopkins, Myrick, Nicholson, Smith and Tracy—7.

House—Messrs. Brown, Dismukes, Fennell, Haddock, Hollaman, Johnston, Jones of Nassau, Langford, Neel, Riviere, Shine, and Thompson of Santa Rosa—12. Total—19.

The President declared there was no election.

The Joint Meeting proceeded to a second voting, which resulted as follows:

FOR BREVARD.—*Senate*—Mr. President, Messrs. Bird, Brinson, Cone, Criglar, Filor, Hawes, Long and Provence—9.

House—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Baisden, Bellamy, Carter, Chaires, Christie, Coombs, Dell, Dummett, Galbraith, Harris, Haynes, Parsons, Penn, Pope, Porter, Prescott, Rowley, Thompson of Levy, VanZant and Wall—21. Total—30.

FOR TOWLE.—*Senate*—Messrs. Eppes, Gillis, Hopkins, Myrick, Nicholson, Smith and Tracy—7.

House—Messrs. Brown, Dismukes, Fennell, Haddock, Hollaman, Johnston, Jones of Nassau, Langford, Neel, Riviere, Shine, and Thompson of Santa Rosa—12. Total—19.

The President declared Mr. Brevard duly elected Comptroller of Public Accounts of the State of Florida.

On motion, the Joint Meeting proceeded to the election of State Engineer and Geologist.

Mr. Long (of the Senate) nominated F. L. Dancy, of St. Johns County.

Mr. Shine (of the House) nominated William T. Stockton, of Gadsden County.

The vote was as follows:

FOR DANCY.—*Senate*—Mr. President, Messrs. Bird, Brinson, Cone, Criglar, Filor, Hawes, Long and Provence—9.

House—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Baisden, Bellamy, Carter, Chaires, Christie, Coombs, Dell, Dummett, Galbraith, Harris, Haynes, Parsons, Penn, Pope, Porter, Prescott, Rowley, Thompson of Levy, VanZant and Wall—21. Total—30.

FOR STOCKTON.—*Senate*—Messrs. Eppes, Gillis, Hopkins and Nicholson—4.

House—Messrs. Dismukes, Fennell, Hollaman, Johnston, Langford, Shine, and Thompson of Santa Rosa—7. Total 11.

BLANK.—*Senate*—Messrs. Myrick, Smith and Tracy—3.

House—Messrs. Brown, Haddock, Jones of Nassau, Neel and Riviere—5. Total—8.

The President declared Mr. Dancy duly elected State Engineer and Geologist.

On motion, the Joint Meeting proceeded to the election of Treasurer.

Mr. Long (of the Senate) nominated Charles H. Austin, of Leon County.

The vote was as follows:

FOR AUSTIN.—*Senate*—Mr. President, Messrs. Bird, Brinson, Cone, Criglar, Eppes, Filor, Hawes, Long, Myrick, Provence and Tracy—12.

House—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Baisden, Bellamy, Brown, Carter, Chaires, Christie, Coombs, Dell, Dismukes, Dummett, Fennell, Galbraith, Harris, Haynes, Jones of Nassau, Langford, Neel, Parsons, Penn, Pope, Porter, Prescott, Rowley, Thompson of Levy, VanZant and Wall—27. Total—39.

BLANK.—*Senate*—Messrs. Gillis, Hopkins, Nicholson and Smith—4.

House—Messrs. Hollaman, Johnston, Riviere, Shine, and Thompson of Santa Rosa—5. Total—9.

The President declared Mr. Austin duly elected Treasurer of the State of Florida.

On motion, the Joint Meeting proceeded to the election of Clerk of the Supreme Court.

Mr. Dell (of the House) nominated John P. K. Savage, of Leon County.

Mr. Bird (of the Senate) nominated Alfred L. Woodward, of Leon County.

The first vote resulted as follows:

FOR SAVAGE.—*Senate*—Mr. President, Messrs. Brinson, Eppes, Gillis, Hawes, Provence, Smith and Tracy—8.

House—Messrs. Chaires, Coombs, Dell, Dummett, Galbraith, Harris, Haynes, Johnston, Jones of Nassau, Pope, Porter, Shine, VanZant and Wall—14. Total—22.

FOR WOODWARD.—*Senate*—Messrs. Bird, Criglar, Filor, Hopkins, Long and Myrick—6.

House—Messrs. Brown, Carter, Dismukes, Fennell, Neel, Penn, Prescott, Riviere and Rowley—9. Total—15.

BLANK.—*Senate*—Messrs. Cone and Nicholson—2.

House—Messrs. Baisden, Bellamy, Christie, Haddock, Hollaman, Langford, Parsons, Thompson of Levy and Thompson of Santa Rosa—9. Total—11.

The President declared there was no election.

Mr. Penn (of the House) nominated Benjamin F. Parker, of Calhoun County.

The second voting resulted as follows:

FOR SAVAGE.—*Senate*—Mr. President, Messrs. Brinson, Eppes, Gillis, Hawes, Hopkins, Provence, Smith and Tracy—9.

House—Messrs. Carter, Chaires, Christie, Coombs, Dell, Dummett, Galbraith, Harris, Haynes, Johnston, Jones of Nassau, Pope, Rowley, Shine and Wall—15. Total 24.

FOR WOODWARD.—*Senate*—Messrs. Bird, Criglar, Filor, Long and Myrick—5.

House—Messrs. Brown, Dismukes, Fennell and Riviere—4. Total 9.

FOR PARKER.—*Senate*—Mr. Cone—1.

House—Messrs. Baisden, Haddock, Neel, Penn, Porter, Prescott and VanZant—7. Total 8.

BLANK.—*Senate*—Mr. Nicholson—1.

House—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Hollaman, Langford, Parsons, Thompson of Levy and Thompson of Santa Rosa—6. Total 7.

The President declared that there was no election.

Mr. Parsons moved that the Joint Meeting do now adjourn;

Which was not agreed to.

The Joint Meeting then proceeded to a third voting, which resulted as follows:

FOR SAVAGE.—*Senate*—Mr. President, Messrs. Bird, Brinson, Eppes, Filor, Gillis, Hawes, Hopkins, Provence, Smith and Tracy—11.

House—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Bellamy, Chaires, Christie, Coombs, Dell, Dummett, Galbraith, Haddock, Harris, Haynes, Johnston, Jones of Nassau, Pope, Rowley, Shine and Wall—17. Total 28.

FOR WOODWARD.—*Senate*—Messrs. Criglar, Myrick and Nicholson—3.

House—Messrs. Brown, Carter, Dismukes, Fennell, Neel, Riviere and Thompson of Santa Rosa—7. Total 10.

FOR PARKER.—*Senate*—Messrs. Cone and Long—2.

House—Messrs. Baisden, Penn, Porter, Prescott and VanZant—5. Total 7.

BLANK.—*Senate*—0.

House—Messrs. Hollaman, Langford, Parsons and Thompson of Levy—4. Total 4.

The President declared that there was no election.

Mr. Myrick withdrew the name of Mr. Woodward.

The fourth voting resulted as follows:

FOR SAVAGE.—*Senate*—Mr. President, Messrs. Bird, Brinson, Eppes, Filor, Gillis, Hawes, Hopkins, Myrick, Nicholson, Provence, Smith and Tracy—13.

House—Messrs. Bellamy, Chaires, Christie, Coombs, Dell, Dis-

mukes, Dummett, Fennell, Galbraith, Haddock, Harris, Haynes, Johnston, Jones of Nassau, Langford, Neel, Pope, Riviere, Rowley, Shine, Thompson of Santa Rosa and Wall—22. Total 35.

FOR PARKER.—*Senate*—Messrs. Cone, Criglar and Long—3.

House—Messrs. Baisden, Brown, Carter, Penn, Porter, Prescott and VanZant—7. Total 10.

BLANK.—*Senate*—0.

House—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Hollaman, Parsons, and Thompson of Levy—4. Total—4.

The President declared Mr. Savage duly elected Clerk of the Supreme Court of the State of Florida.

The Joint Meeting then adjourned, and the Senate returned to their Chamber.

On motion of Mr. Myrick, the Senate took a recess until 3 o'clock P. M.

3 O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Senate met. A quorum not being present;

On motion of Mr. Tracy, the Senate adjourned until to-morrow morning, 9 o'clock.

SATURDAY, January 6, 1855.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

A quorum being present, on motion of Mr. Brinson, the reading of the Journal of yesterday was dispensed with.

The following Bills which had passed the Senate were transmitted to the House of Representatives, viz:

A Bill to be entitled an Act to amend the general Act for the Incorporation of Towns, Academies and Religious Societies, approved January 6th, 1847;

A Bill to be entitled an Act for the relief of Dr. William S. Wilson and others;

A Bill to be entitled an Act granting aid to the County of Putnam to build a Court House and Jail;

A Bill to be entitled an Act concerning Interest;

House Bill to be entitled an Act to amend an Act approved November 21st, 1828, providing for the appointment of Inspectors of Lumber in the various Counties of this State; and

House Bill to be entitled an Act to amend an Act entitled an Act to grant pre-emption rights to Settlers on State Lands, approved December 31, 1852.

Enrolled Bill, an Act to authorize Thomas H. Willis of Leon County, a minor, to assume the management of his own estate, and

to contract and be contracted with, was transmitted for approval to his Excellency the Governor.

Mr. Long, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, made the following report:

The Committee on Enrolled Bills have examined and report as correctly enrolled the following:

Resolution in relation to the improvement of St. John's Bar, and the preservation of the site of St. John's Light House;

An Act to be entitled an Act to change the time of holding Circuit Court for Calhoun County;

An Act governing Judges of Probate in certain cases;

An Act explanatory of the several Acts in relation to the migration of negroes or free persons of color into Key West;

An Act to improve the navigation of the Harbor and Bay of Apalachicola;

An Act to prevent fraudulent voting; and

An Act to empower the County Commissioners of Wakulla County to levy a tax for the purpose of building a Court House in said County.

M. A. LONG,

Chairman Committee on Enrolled Bills.

Which was read.

Mr. Long, from the Judiciary Committee, made the following report:

The Judiciary Committee, to whom was referred a communication, in the nature of a Memorial, of a Justice of the Peace of Marion County, in which it is stated that the Judge of the Eastern Circuit holds the opinion, and has decided that appeals do not lie to the Circuit Courts of this State from judgments rendered by Justices of the Peace,

REPORT:

That the memorialist regards this as an evil which the General Assembly is called upon to redress; but as the communication or memorial has been simply referred to the Committee, without any instructions, they are left to conjecture that the object of the reference was to elicit their opinion upon the following points, viz:

1. Whether the ruling of the Judge of the Eastern Circuit is a correct exposition of the Constitution and Laws of the State on the point; and if so,

2. Whether the Legislature have power to confer on the Circuit Courts the necessary appellate jurisdiction.

3. Whether it is expedient for the Legislature to exercise that power; and if so,

4. To prepare a Bill for that purpose.

To each of these points the Committee have directed as much attention and time as has been at their command, consistent with their other numerous and equally important duties.